

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD HELD SEPTEMBER 13, 2005, 5:00 P.M., AT THE ALVIN YORK BANDY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT: EDWARD SULLIVAN, PATRICIA HEALY, ROBERT BELMAN, ROBERT HUNT, DANA REINBOLDT, VICE-CHAIRMAN, AND THOMAS VILLACRES, CHAIRMAN, AND JEAN S. MURRAY, SUPERINTENDENT. MEMBER KAREN ZINK WAS DELAYED.

The Chairman called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by an invocation. Item 4B, Distribution of Outside Communications, was moved to follow Report of the Superintendent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION MADE BY MR. BELMAN AND SECONDED BY MS. HEALY THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE AGENDA, AS REVISED. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. HEALY, MR. BELMAN, MR. HUNT, MS. REINBOLDT, AND MR. VILLACRES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MADE BY MS. REINBOLDT AND SECONDED BY MS. HEALY THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, AS PRESENTED. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. HEALY, MR. BELMAN, MR. HUNT, MS. REINBOLDT, AND MR. VILLACRES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Consent Agenda items were as follows:

- A. Minutes of the August 23, 2005 Meeting
- B. Personnel - Resignations and Appointments
- C. Unusual Field Trip Request
- D. Appointment of Advisory Committees Membership
- E. Proposed Change - November School Board Meeting Date
- F. Religious Exemption Request
- G. Award of Contract: Operable Room Divider – RES
- H. Award of Contract: Site Parking Lot Lighting – CES
- I. Award of Contract: Bathroom Renovation – NSHS
- J. Award of Contract: Install Library Enclosures – PRES, RES, WES
- K. Award of Contract: A/E Design Services – Weight Room Addition – SHS
- L. Award of Contract: Pinnacle Plus Software System Electronic Gradebook (Grades 4-5) Montgomery County Contract #1161.1
- M. Approval of Purchase: High Schools Mobile Laptop Computer Labs

Dr. Murray announced the following administrative appointments: Dr. Chris Quinn, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Dress Code Update Video

The School Board viewed the Dress Code video developed by staff and students. No action was requested.

Report Card Pilot - Grades 4-5

Cari Del Fratte reviewed the proposed report card for grades 4-5. No action was requested.

Head Start Annual Report & Plan

The School Board reviewed the Head Start Annual Report and Plan. Action will be requested at the next meeting.

Closed Meeting

Motion: Ms. Healy

Second: Ms. Reinboldt

Pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (a) of the Code of Virginia, I move that the Board convene a closed meeting for the purpose of discussing the following specific matter(s) in agenda items 11A and 11B:

To discuss student matters, as authorized by Section 2.2-3711 (a) (2) of the Code of Virginia; and

To discuss personnel matters, as authorized by Section 2.2-3711 (a) (1) of the Code of Virginia.

Voting in favor of the motion were Mr. Sullivan, Ms. Healy, Mr. Belman, Mr. Hunt, Ms. Reinboldt, and Mr. Villacres. Motion carried unanimously.

The School Board came out of closed session.

Certification of Closed Meeting

Whereas, the Stafford County School Board has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and

Whereas, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires certification by this School Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Stafford County School Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered.

Motion: Mr. Sullivan

Second: Ms. Reinboldt

Voting in favor of the motion were Mr. Sullivan, Ms. Healy, Mr. Belman, Mr. Hunt, Ms. Reinboldt, and Mr. Villacres. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION MADE BY MR. SULLIVAN AND SECONDED BY MS. REINBOLDT THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE SCHOOL TRANSFER REQUESTS, AS PRESENTED. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. HEALY, MR. BELMAN, MR. HUNT, MS. REINBOLDT, AND MR. VILLACRES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7:00 p.m.

(Ms. Zink arrived at the meeting).

The Chairman reconvened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance. School Board members attended a reception for service pin recipients prior to reconvening.

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

The following individuals addressed the School Board on the proposed FY2006 budget: Jim Stemple, representing the Building Level Administrators Association, and Mark Dudenhefer, representing the Stafford Republican Party. It was the consensus of the School Board that Mr. Hunt and Mr. Villacres formulate budget priorities for discussion at the next meeting.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – Block Scheduling

Dr. Jim Stemple delivered a presentation on block scheduling. No action was requested.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

The following individuals addressed the School Board concerning block scheduling: Wendy Pomatto, Danielle Davis for Nanette Kidby, Carmen Cata, Andrea Cobel, Misha Cobel, Alan McCall, Wendy Snider, Rhea Boudaud, Bill Thornton, Amanda Hanlon, Doreen Phillips, Lynn Knight, Justin Cota, Lisa Ready, Blake Nielsen, and Jennifer Galvin. Barry Cobel suggested that the School Board appoint a liaison with the military community to develop a closer relationship. Tim Richardson, Doug Stone, and Keith Smith addressed the School Board concerning distribution of materials as it relates to the Boy Scouts.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD **Student Matters - Discipline Committee**

Earlier this evening, a committee of the Board met to consider student disciplinary matters. In action taken, the committee:

- Affirmed and upheld the long-term suspension of Student A through the end of the first semester of the 2005-06 school year, and authorized the student to attend the Regional Alternative Education Program;
- Lifted the expulsion of Student B and permitted him to return to his regular base school on strict probation;
- Continued the expulsion of Student C without authorization to attend the alternative program; and
- Continued the expulsion of Student D without authorization to attend the alternative program.

Personnel Matters – Closed Session – Superintendent Evaluation

Committee Reports (None)

Comments

Mr. Sullivan stated that he attended the program hosted by the Ferry Farm Elementary School PTO to commemorate the new playground. Ms. Healy thanked school staff for another successful school opening. Ms. Healy suggested further evaluation of block scheduling be undertaken with parents and the community included in the process. Mr. Belman stated that he attended Patriot Day events at Falmouth Elementary School and Stafford High School. He requested an update on MedExpert and sole source vending. Mr. Villacres stated that the School Board made a good decision based on the right reasons when they voted to accept block scheduling and felt that further review and evaluation would be appropriate.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Comments

Dr. Murray announced that Stafford County Public Schools had enrolled 31 students displaced by Hurricane Katrina. Dr. Murray stated that two new schools were opened - Mountain View High School and Conway Elementary School, and that 354 teachers had been hired for this school year of which 137 were new teachers. She also reported that the school division had already met 98.9% of projected enrollment. Programs new this school year include two JROTC programs whose enrollments include 100 students at Colonial Forge and 150 students at North Stafford, virtual AP studies, and a new CGS site at North Stafford High School. Dr. Murray announced the following administrative appointments: Greg Daniels, Assistant Principal at Brooke Point High School, and Dr. Chris Quinn, Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction.

INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)

Policy 2-3, Distribution of Outside Communications

Ms. Cottongim reviewed the school division's current distribution procedures for communications from non-school groups. She will provide additional information to the School Board upon her review of Arlington and Fairfax County Public Schools policies.

MOTION MADE BY MR. BELMAN AND SECONDED BY MR. HUNT THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD ALLOW THE BOY SCOUTS TO DISTRIBUTE BACK-TO-SCHOOL FLIERS BY SEPTEMBER 23, 2005 IF BUNDLED FOR EACH RESPECTIVE SCHOOL. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. BELMAN AND MR. HUNT; VOTING IN OPPOSITION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. HEALY, MS. ZINK, MS. REINOLDT, AND MR. VILLACRES. MOTION FAILED BY A VOTE OF 2-5.

Mr. Belman requested that the School Board review current policy for possible amendment at a future meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

Amendment to Bylaw 1-35: Budget Process

MOTION MADE BY MR. BELMAN AND SECONDED BY MR. SULLIVAN THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE AMENDMENT TO BY-LAW 1-35, BUDGET PROCESS, AS

PRESENTED.

Mr. Belman withdrew his motion. It was the consensus of the School Board that Mr. Villacres and Mr. Hunt review the proposed amendments to Bylaw 1-35: Budget Process, and Policy 4-5: Budget – Generally, for additional clarification and possible additional amendment. These items will be placed on the agenda at the September 27 meeting.

Amendment to Bylaw 1-29.1: School Board Evaluation

MOTION MADE BY MR. SULLIVAN AND SECONDED BY MS. REINBOLDT THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE AMENDMENT TO BY-LAW 1-29.1, SCHOOL BOARD EVALUATION, AS PRESENTED. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. HEALY, MS. ZINK, MR. BELMAN, MR. HUNT, MS. REINBOLDT, AND MR. VILLACRES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A second vote will take place at the September 27, 2005 School Board meeting.

Main Marquee/Sign Guidelines

MOTION MADE BY MR. BELMAN AND SECONDED BY MR. SULLIVAN THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE PROPOSED GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOL/FACILITY MAIN MARQUEE-SIGNAGE, APPROVE MASTER PLAN FOR ELECTRONIC MARQUEE LOCATIONS, AND APPROVE THE APPROVAL PROCESS FOR SIGNS TO BE FUNDED BY OTHERS, AS PRESENTED. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. HEALY, MS. ZINK, MR. BELMAN, MR. HUNT, MS. REINBOLDT, AND MR. VILLACRES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Security Upgrades – School Main Entrances

MOTION MADE BY MS. HEALY AND SECONDED BY MR. SULLIVAN THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE A PHASED DESIGN/CONSTRUCTION PLAN FOR SECURITY UPGRADES FOR SCHOOL MAIN ENTRANCES, AS PRESENTED. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. HEALY, MS. ZINK, MR. BELMAN, MR. HUNT, MS. REINBOLDT, AND MR. VILLACRES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ES2008 Site Location Option

MOTION MADE BY MR. HUNT AND SECONDED BY MR. BELMAN THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE UTILIZING THE GARI MELCHERS COMPLEX SITE FOR ES2008. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. HEALY, MS. ZINK, MR. BELMAN, MR. HUNT, MS. REINBOLDT, AND MR. VILLACRES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Amendment to Policy 7-13 Student Transfer and Proposed Policy 7-13.1: Admission/Exclusion of Certain Students

MOTION MADE BY MS. REINBOLDT AND SECONDED BY MR. HUNT THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE AMENDMENT TO POLICY 7-13, STUDENT TRANSFER, AS PRESENTED, AND PROPOSED POLICY 7-13.1, ADMISSION/EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN STUDENTS, AS PRESENTED. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. HEALY, MS. ZINK, MR. BELMAN, MR. HUNT, MS. REINBOLDT, AND MR. VILLACRES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Amendment to Policy 5-34: Travel Allowances/Expenses

MOTION MADE BY MS. HEALY AND SECONDED BY MS. REINBOLDT THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE AMENDMENT TO POLICY 5-34, TRAVEL ALLOWANCES/EXPENSES,

AS PRESENTED. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. HEALY, MS. ZINK, MR. BELMAN, MR. HUNT, MS. REINBOLDT, AND MR. VILLACRES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Award of Contract: Construction of Press Boxes – BPHS/CFHS

MOTION MADE BY MS. REINBOLDT AND SECONDED BY MR. HUNT THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE AWARD OF CONTRACT, OPTION 1, FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PRESS BOXES AT BROOKE POINT HIGH SCHOOL AND COLONIAL FORGE HIGH SCHOOL TO CENTENNIAL CONTRACTORS ENTERPRISES, LEESBURG, VIRGINIA, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$440,000, AS PRESENTED. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. HEALY, MS. ZINK, MR. BELMAN, MR. HUNT, MS. REINBOLDT, AND MR. VILLACRES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Construction Change Order: Temporary Sanitary Sewer Holding Tanks – CES

MOTION MADE BY MR. BELMAN AND SECONDED BY MS. REINBOLDT THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE A CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$127.4K TO R.R. GREGORY CORPORATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TEMPORARY SANITARY SEWER HOLDING TANK AT CONWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AS PRESENTED. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. ZINK, MR. BELMAN, MR. HUNT, MS. REINBOLDT, AND MR. VILLACRES. MS. HEALY ABSTAINED. BY A VOTE OF 6-0-1, MOTION CARRIED.

Construction Change Order: Locker Room Benches – MVHS

MOTION MADE BY MS. HEALY AND SECONDED BY MR. HUNT THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE A CONSTRUCTION CHANGE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$38.6K TO HASKELL/HESS P3 SCHOOL JOINT VENTURE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF LOCKER ROOM BENCHES AT MOUNTAIN VIEW HIGH SCHOOL, AS PRESENTED. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. HEALY, MS. ZINK, MR. BELMAN, MR. HUNT, MS. REINBOLDT, AND MR. VILLACRES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Award of Contract: Piano – MVHS

MOTION MADE BY MS. HEALY AND SECONDED BY MR. BELMAN THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD APPROVE THE AWARD OF CONTRACT, OPTION #1, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$54.4K TO JORDAN KITTS MUSIC OF COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND, FOR THE PURCHASE OF A GRAND PIANO FOR MOUNTAIN VIEW HIGH SCHOOL. VOTING IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION WERE MR. SULLIVAN, MS. HEALY, MS. ZINK, MR. BELMAN, MR. HUNT, MS. REINBOLDT, AND MR. VILLACRES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms. Healy requested an update on the condition of pianos in all schools.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman adjourned the meeting.

Chairman

Clerk